

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAM
SHALLOW SET
QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT
October 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

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The Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery targeting swordfish and tunas has been monitored under a mandatory observer program since February 1994. In 2004, the Hawaii swordfish fishery was reopened with restrictions on allowable gear used in the fishery. This report summarizes data for vessels that declared intent for a shallow set trip. This report is used to ensure prompt dissemination of Hawaii Swordfish Observer Data and may be revised after final data editing has been completed. The following table summarizes percent observer coverage for vessel departures, the number of vessels arriving with observers, and protected species interactions for vessels arriving with observers during the fourth quarter of 2005.

Vessel Departures - 4th Quarter (October 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005)					
Departures -----					19
Departures with observers -----					19
Observer coverage 4th quarter -----					100.0%
Vessels Arriving with Observers - 4th Quarter					
Departures with observers in 4th quarter -----					19
Observers departing in 3rd quarter arriving 4th quarter -----					0
Observers departing in 4th quarter arriving 1st quarter 2006 -----					13
Total vessels arriving with observers - 4th quarter -----					6
Protected Species Interactions - 4th Quarter					
Vessels arriving with observers - 4th quarter -----					6
Trips with turtle interactions -----					2
Trips without turtle interactions -----					4
Trips with marine mammal interactions -----					0
Trips without marine mammal interactions -----					6
Trips with seabird interactions -----					0
Trips without seabird interactions -----					6
Total Sea Turtles Interactions -----					2
Released injured					
Leatherback -----					1
Loggerhead -----					1
Total Marine Mammal Interactions -----					0
Total Seabird Interactions -----					0
Total Sets					92
Total Hooks Retrieved					68,463
Turtles per 1,000 Hooks					0.029
Seabirds per 1,000 Hooks					0.000
Marine Mammals per 1,000 Hooks					0.000
Note: The percent of observer coverage is based on vessel departures.					
Protected species interactions are based on vessel arrivals. For the purpose of					
this report, an animal that becomes hooked or entangled is an interaction.					